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TAGS: OVIP (LOWENSTEIN,ALLARD)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ALLARD LOWENSTEIN

REF: BRASILIA 6409 AND 6435

1. AFTER THOROUGH CONSIDERATION, DEPARTMENT RELUCTANTLY
ACCEPTS BRAZILIAN DESIRE TO POSTPONE LOWENSTEIN TRIP.
WE DO NOT, OF COURSE, AGREE WITH MUCH OF THE RATIONALE
PRESENTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY -- BUT WE ADMIT IT WAS
ARTFULLY DONE. IN ANY CASE, WE ARE ACCEPTING AT FACE
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VALUE THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT ASSURANCE 1) THAT IT IS NOT
OBJECTING TO THE VISIT AS SUCH; AND 2) THAT IT WOULD WEL-
COME SUCH A VISIT NEXT YEAR.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY LEAVING THEM IN FORM OF A RESPONDING AIDE MEMOIRE:

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED CAREFULLY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S OBSERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED VISIT TO BRAZIL BY AMBASSADOR ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, WHICH WERE MADE DURING THE AUGUST 1 DISCUSSION BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BRASILIA AND OF THE BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND RECORDED IN

THE AIDE MEMOIRE PREPARED BY THE MINISTRY FOR THAT MEETING.

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGRETS THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FIND CONVENIENT THE PROPOSED TIMING OF AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN'S VISIT. THE SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCH A VISIT WAS PROVIDED BY THE AMBASSADOR'S TRIP TO OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA; HOWEVER, IN MANY RESPECTS, AN INFORMAL BILATERAL EXCHANGE IN AREAS IN WHICH THE AMBASSADOR IS HIGHLY CONVERSANT APPEARED ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND, INDEED, PRIOR TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNCLEAR HOW SUCH A VISIT AND EXCHANGE WOULD HAVE DIMINISHED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SCHEDULED OCTOBER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IT COULD HAVE SERVED AS USEFUL PREPARATION FOR THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TALKS, IN MUCH THE SAME WAY THAT A

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BILATERAL TRADE GROUP MEETING IS SEEN BY BOTH SIDES AS SUPPORTIVE OF THESE LATER CONSULTATIONS.

-- A SHARED PERCEPTION OF THE USEFULNESS AND TIMELINESS OF THE VISIT AND OF TALKS WITH BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS IS OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, ESSENTIAL TO THE ENDEAVOR'S SUCCESS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THEREFORE ACCEPTS THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S PREFERENCES IN THIS MATTER.

-- NOTING THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO AN EARLY OCCASION ON WHICH AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT BRAZIL AND MEET WITH APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS.

3. IN ACCOMPANYING ORAL PRESENTATION, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MINISTRY INTERLOCUTOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT TOOK NOTE OF THE MINISTRY'S ASSURANCES THAT OBJECTIONS WERE NOT BEING RAISED TO THE VISIT AS SUCH, LOOKS FORWARD TO A LATER VISIT BY AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN, AND RECIPROCATES GOB HOPE FOR A CLOSE AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR CALERO RODRIGUEZ.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM MINISTRY THAT FAIRLY WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF AMBASSADOR'S PLANNING FOR SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP MEANS PRESS INQUIRIES ARE CERTAIN. (FYI: AMBASSADOR HAD INTERVIEW WITH VEJA CORRESPONDENT ROBERTO GARCIA AUGUST 3, AND IS REFERRING INQUIRIES ON BRAZIL CANCELLATION

TO DEPARTMENT.) DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT, IF UNHELPFUL PRESS SPECULATION IS TO BE AVOIDED, IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE BASIC FACTS OF THE SITUATION. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SAY THAT INCLUSION OF BRAZIL IN AMBASSADOR LOWENSTEIN'S ITINERARY WAS NOT FINAL AND FIRM AND THAT, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM AND TIMING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, IT DEVELOPED THAT FROM MINISTRY'S POINT OF VIEW, CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFERRAL OF VISIT AND TALKS TO (UNSPECIFIED) LATER DATE WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT AND PRODUCTIVE. THIS WAS AGREED TO BY BOTH SIDES. IF ASKED WHETHER BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAD "REFUSED" VISIT, WE WOULD ANSWER NEGATIVELY. WE UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH BRAZILIAN POSITION EXPRESSED TO US. WHILE WE WOULD AVOID GREATER DETAIL, WE THINK A LESS FORTHCOMING RESPONSE WILL ONLY FUEL CONJECTURE THAT BRAZILIANS HAVE "REJECTED" VISIT -- A PERCEPTION WHICH GOB PRESUMABLY DOES NOT WISH TO FOSTER.

5. (FYI AND FOR USE WITH MINISTRY IF NECESSARY: WE ARE NOT WILLING TO IMPLY THAT DEFERRAL WAS OUR IDEA OR OTHERWISE SEEK TO CONCEAL FACT THAT BRAZILIAN PREFERENCE FOR DIFFERENT TIMING WAS THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN CHANGE OF PLANS.) CHRISTOPHER

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